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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS, CHICAGO, APRIL 4, 1903.

### I. PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, The manner in which the financial management of athletics of many schools is carried on tends to demoralization; and, whereas, often the spirit of winning at all hazards, in contests with other schools, is stronger than the true sportsmanlike spirit, whereby athletics, in place of being a moral help to higher ideals, is an influence in the direct opposite, the lowering of ideals, your committee recommends the following general plan for institutional members of this association :

### II. ORGANIZATION.

That there be organized in each school an athletic association with an executive committee that shall have entire charge of all athletics of the school. At least two members of this committee shall be members of the faculty of the school. This committee (1) shall be responsible for all receipts and all expenditures of money, and shall cause their accounts to be audited twice each year; (2) shall pass upon and ratify all contracts and all contests with other institutions before the same are valid; (3) shall be the final judge in all questions in games and contests within its own school.

### III. ELIGIBILITY OF TESTAMENTS.

Any person representing a school in any athletic contest whatever with any other school of this Association must (1) be a *bona fide* student of the school which he represents; (2) he must have been such a student at least four weeks before such contest; (3) he must be carrying at least twelve (12) hours regular work upon which he has not previously received credit; (4) he must be maintaining a passing standard in scholarship in at least the said twelve (12) hours work; (5) in the secondary school he must not be more than twenty-four years of age; (6) he must not have played more than four years in the secondary-school contests; (7) he must be an amateur sportsman; he must never have acted as an instructor in athletics.

### IV. CERTIFICATION.

(1) The head of each institution of this Association or a member of the corps of instruction designated by him shall send a list of the representatives of his school in any and every contest, at least one (1) week before the event is to occur, to the chairman of the executive committee of that school and to the manager or captain of the team of the competing school. He shall certify

over his signature that every representative is eligible to enter the contest in accordance with the above rules. No assumed names shall be certified to nor allowed in any report of the game. (2) A member of the faculty shall always accompany said representatives to the contests. (3) A failure to carry out the above or any mistake in certification shall be ground for forfeiture of said contest on the part of the institution making such failure. (4) A protest against any contestant to be entertained must be made at least three (3) days before the contest by registered letter or in person to the captain of the opposing team and to the chairman of the executive committee.

#### V. OTHER INSTITUTIONS NOT MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

It shall be the duty of each institutional member of this Association to require the same regulations from other schools not members of the Association before any contest takes place with said school.

#### VI. SENATE AND COURT OF APPEALS.

The committee also recommends that in a city where there are several schools of the same class a senate be formed composed of two (2) members of the faculty of each school represented in interscholastic contests, to which all questions or disputes not otherwise settled shall be referred for settlement: that there be a standing committee of six (6) appointed by this Association, which shall comprise a court of appeals to which questions and disputes of institutional members of this Association in reference to athletic contests may be appealed. The judgment of this court shall be final.

Although not strictly within the province of the committee, it wishes to add another recommendation. In order that more attention may be given to the great body of students who are not athletes, especially in our secondary schools, we recommend that in every school where there is a gymnasium and regular work of at least two (2) hours per week is assigned to pupils a credit of one-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) unit per year, *i. e.*, one unit for the four years, be given toward graduation, even if one more unit be added to the amount required for graduation.

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